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From :

SRI Y. MANJAYYA SHETTY,
B. A., LL. B., M. L. A.,
COONDAPOOR. S. K.

To The Hon'ble Minister for
Public Works, Government
of Madras, MADRAS.

SIR. 4419/7 DATED 25-5-1954.

Subject: Construction of a bridge - Uppunda river - Coondapoor Taluk - South Kanara District.

MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS
28 MAY 1954
GOVT. OF MADRAS

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

There are several coastal rivers in South Kanara District which remain to be bridged, Unpunda is one such. This river is between Gangolly (an important minor Port in South Kanara) and Bhatkal (an important minor Port in North Kanara). On account of unbridging of the river, the communication between the abovesaid important ports is considerably affected and trade between these two ports is at a standstill. If a bridge is put up over the said river there would be direct communication and trade to all places between Gangolly to Honnavar (North Kanara) a distance of about 60 miles without any hindrance whatsoever.

2. Several representations have been made in the past to the Government by several organisations including the District Board of South Kanara, urging to put up a bridge over the said river. but of no effect.

3. It is understood that the Central Government was pleased to sanction recently a lump sum grant to undertake bridge-works in South Kanara District. In view of the importance and urgent necessity for bridging the abovesaid Unpunda river, may I request you to apportion a portion of the said grant for bridging the same and thereby afford facilities and conveniences to a large section of the people. In case it is found that the Central Grant now sanctioned is not sufficient to meet the demand, I request you to take steps to provide a bridge at least out of State finance.

4. I hope this representation of mine will receive your kind consideration and prompt action,

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Manjayya Shetty

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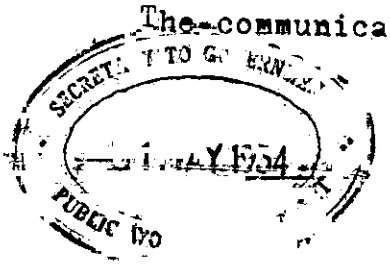
Secy. PWD

Please examine and put up.

The communication may be acknowledged.



Minister (W)

B/ P.W (A2)

Letter No. 44197-A/54-1 Dated 6/54

To

Sri. Y. Mangayya Shetty,
B.A., LL.B., M.L.A.,
Coondapoor, South Kanara

Sir,

Sub. - Construction
of bridge over
Uppunda river

I am directed
to acknowledge
receipt of your letter
dated 26-5-54 addressed
to the Minister for Work

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and to say that the matter is being examined.

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M — Y.E.
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Note

The draft above is submitted with ref to the minutes of M(W) on p2 cf. After issue the case will be examined and footnp.

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Kuw
10.6.54

5 PW(A2)

Letter No. 44197-A/54-2 Dated 25-6-54

To

Sri Y. Manjayya Shetty, B.A., LL.B.,
M.L.A Coondapoor, South
Kanara Dt

Rd 11/26/6/54

Sir,

Sub:- Construction of bridge over Uppunda river

Ref:- Your letter dated 25-5-54 P 14

In continuation of this Dept letter No. 44197-A/54-1 dated 10-6-54 I am directed to state that the Govt of India have sanctioned grants for certain specific schemes selected by them and that the State Govt have no discretion to divert any portion of the grants to any other schemes. The question of taking up the Uppunda bridge from State funds will be considered in due course when funds are available and priorities are fixed.

Vide 'A & B' on P3 m.f

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H.O.W.

P. W. D. (A.2).

No. 44197 A/54

Sub: Communications - Bridges - South Kanara district - Construction of bridge over Uppunda river on Mangalore Baindur road - Request.

Ref: From Sri Y. Manjayya Shetty, M.L.A., letter dated 25-5-54.

" Secy. P.W.D.

Please examine and put up. The communication may be acknowledged.

Shanmuga Rajeswaran,
31-5-54".

(Issued as letter No. 44197-A/54-1, dated 10-6-54).

The file deals with the request for the construction of a bridge across the Uppunda river in Coondapur taluk, South Kanara District.

2. Sri Y. Manjayya Shetty, M.L.A. has represented that the Uppunda river between the two minor ports of Gangolly and Bhatkal remains to be bridged and that therefore communication between these two ports is considerably affected and the trade between these two places is at a standstill. He has pointed out that if a bridge over the river is constructed there would be direct communication and trade to all places ~~between~~ from Gangolly to Honnavar (North Kanara), a distance of about 60 miles without any hindrance whatsoever. He has requested that in view of the importance and urgent necessity for bridging the Uppunda river, a portion of the lump sum grant sanctioned by the Central Govt. to undertake bridge works in the district may be diverted for this bridge work and that if it is not possible to do so the cost of the bridge work may be met from State funds.

3. In July 1947, the C;E.(H) proposed, among others, that the coastal road between Mangalore and Baindur had to be developed and pointed out the need for the construction of five bridges along this road

over the rivers Gurupur, Pavanji, Udayavar, Mulki and Uppunda. He also then suggested that these bridge works might be included in the revised five year programme of Road Development and that half their cost might be met from Post War Reconstruction funds and the remaining half from loan funds to be recouped by levy of tolls. The Govt. generally approved these proposals subject to the orders that would be passed in due course in regard to the levy of tolls.

The C.E.(H), however, actually included only the work of constructing a bridge across the Gurupur river at Kulur in the recast five year Programme. This bridge was completed in July 1953 and thrown open to public traffic on 1-7-53. Tolls are being levied from 1-7-53 to recoup the expenditure incurred on it.

4. With reference to a representation received from Sri B. Subbanna Shetty, the question of constructing a bridge across the Uppunda river at mile 74/6 of the Mangalore Baindur Coast road was examined. The C.E.(H) reported that the bridge at the site would be very costly and that it would be sufficient if a R.C. Pile causeway with top of road at high tide level was constructed. He estimated that the cost of such a causeway would be about Rs 2.60 lakhs. He stated that the work was not included in the first five year programme, that it was also not possible to accommodate it in this plan and that the question of including it in the second five Year plan might be considered. This was agreed to.

5. The Govt. of India have recently selected 20 works estimated to cost Rs 138.04 lakhs for the special grants-in-aid offered by them for development of inter-State roads, roads to areas not having at present railway facilities and roads to areas inhabited by tribes. They have agreed to sanction full grants for all these 20 works subject to a maximum of

Rs 138 lakhs. Of the 20 works, 4 works estimated to cost Rs 41.91 lakhs relate to South Kanara district. These four works are for the construction of bridges across the three rivers, viz., Pavanji, Udayavar and Mulki, on the Mangalore Bindur coast road, and for improving the road from Darbe to Subramania via Nethicalcutta as an all weather road. As these works are cohsidered urgent, it is not possible to drop any of them in preference to the bridge over the Uppunda river. It is also not possible to take up this bridge work in lieu of any of the remaining 16 works as they are also important.

It may be mentioned that in drawing up the five year plan due weightage has been shown to South Kanara District on account of its backwardness in the matter of communications. The main need of the district is the bridging of the sevefal rivers in the district which interrupt throughh communications. Havi due regard to this fact the Govt. have already sanctioned under the Five Year Plan 17 major bridge work at an estimated cost of about Rs 45 lakhs. Some of these bridges have been completed and the others are in various stages of execution. It has been considered that further major bridge works cannot be taken up in the district till most of the bridges already sanctioned are executed. Therefore the work of constructing a bridge across the Uppunda river has to wai for better times. Sri Manjayya Shetty may be informed that it is not possible either to divert a portion of the grants sanctioned by the Govt. of India for bridge works in South Kanara District or to take up the Uppunda bridge work now from State funds due to financial stringency.

6. The file may be circulated to M (W) for

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approval of 'B' above.

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We have no discretion in the matter of diverting Government of India grants which are sanctioned against specific schemes. The question of taking up this Bridge from State funds will be considered in due course when funds are available and priorities are fixed.

M.S.Rao
21/6/54

B

M(W) Yes. Pl. send reply to Chairman's endorsement.

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A draft letter to Sri Manjayya Shetty is submitted for approval.

24/6/54 Kum 24.6.54

25.6.54

(Issued as Letter No. 44197/A/54-2 dt. 25.6.54)